

## Adams Update February 12, 2021

### 100 Days of School!

We recently completed our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school for the 2020-21 school year. Some of our younger classes celebrate this day for fun, and for a fun way to work on counting to 100. Below you can see some pictures of Mrs. DeGroat's Kindergarteners doing exactly that. This year the marker seems more significant than normal, given everything that everyone is doing to make F2F and VA instruction happen. Thank you—students, teachers, staff, parents, family members, community members—for all of your efforts to help us educate our students during this time. We are grateful for the opportunity and love working with your children!



### Kindergarten Enrollment!

Kindergarten registration is underway! You can find information about our kindergarten program at this link: <https://www.midlandps.org/welcome-to-Kindergarten-2021-2022>

Enrollment paperwork is available in the Adams office, as well as at the following link: <https://www.midlandps.org/docs/district/202122Enrollment/2021-2022KindergartenPre-EnrollmentPacket.pdf>

You will hear more about opportunities to tour the school and meet the teachers as spring approaches. If you have friends with incoming kindergarteners, please share this information with them!

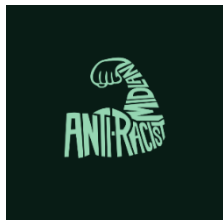
## Music Update



Schoolwide, students have been inspiring each other to find new ways to be **inclusive** in the music classroom. They have immersed themselves in thoughts of how people experience music in a variety of ways, not just with their ears. You can **see** it, **create** it, **perform** it, **feel** it, **move** to it, and **hear** it. Two of the musical experiences we have focused on are “**feeling**” and “**seeing**” through **sign language** in music. Students K-5 have been learning songs in sign language since January, and continue to practice and prepare for our first **Virtual Concert** to send to our families and teachers. While Mrs. Williams has loved every moment of teaching and practicing sign language in music, the thing she has loved most is listening to the **kind** and **beautiful** words the kids have used to describe what it means to them to make sure all of their peers feel **included** in music class. She would also like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Price for the support and guidance she has offered along the way.

Along with our performance rehearsals, every week in February students are learning about the music and lives of influential African American musicians in celebration of **Black History** Month. So far, we have enjoyed the music of Ella Fitzgerald “The Queen of Jazz,” and Duke Ellington.

## ADAMS 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CULTURE CLUB



On Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, the Adams Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Culture Club met virtually to learn about race, identity, and what it means to be white and have white privilege (in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the upcoming Black History Month). Joining the meeting were special guests Connor Reed (graduate student) and Camryn McGee (college student), founding members of Anti-Racist Midland, a local group of MPS graduates who advocate for anti-racist education and reforms for the Midland area. Connor and Camryn shared their experiences and encouraged the students to take action to ensure that people treat those of other races fairly at Adams and in our community, and asked them to never stand idly by if they witness racism in practice.

Students had great discussion about equality and the work we still need to do in order to ensure that people of all races have the same opportunities and are treated with respect and dignity. They made connections to history they learned in class, and a book many recently read - Blended, by Sharon Draper. They even had a chance to meet author Sharon Draper through a virtual event organized by Mrs. Lipovsky and Mrs. Capua, funded through Donors Choose! One student ended the meeting by asking that the Slideshow be posted to the Culture Club Google Classroom so she could “savor it a little more.” Mrs. Kim McMahan, Culture Club Director, is impressed by the student empathy, knowledge, and interest in taking action to end racism, starting in our own community. We will be the change!

## PTO Update

[Click here for this week's PTO Update.](#)

### ***Lost & Found***

Please monitor our Lost & Found regularly. As weather permits, we will continue our practice of moving it outside at the end of the school day.

### ***Repeat: Report Cards Available in Home Access Center until February 26***

Report cards are now posted in Home Access Center (HAC) for you to review. Parents received an email from MPS on Wednesday explaining how to access the report cards. They are posted at: <https://hac.midlandps.org/HomeAccess>. Once there, log in with your user name and password. Click on the Report Card tab, and it will be displayed for you. The report cards are only available until **February 26**, so make sure you check it out before then.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Mon, Mar 15**

**Spring Photos**

We had a great week here at Adams, and we look forward to seeing you and your students again next week. Have a good weekend!

Educationally yours,

***Scott Cochran***

Principal